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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

METHOD OF PRODUCING FINE PARTICLES OF METAL OXIDE

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By (Inventors):

 $\boxtimes$ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-3; 3 sheets) are attached. Use Figure for front page of Publication.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

This patent application is assigned to (1)NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY (2) NORITAKE CO., LIMITED(3) NORIMITSU MURAYAMA (4) WOOSUCK SHIN.

The executed Assignment is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.

A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence -- This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_.
Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-399199 filed December 27, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2001-290782 filed September 25, 2001 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after

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